

This morning that if the refinery could only pay expenses it would pay them to keep in operation, for even if they could not close down at a time they would have to keep a large force of their men on their pay rolls and all the principal men and skilled labor would have to be retained.

It was stated that unless business improved there would be doubt that both the independent refineries would shut down for a time, although the demand for sugar was ordinarily in good shape, and the demand was at present very strong. The dealers seem to be well supplied, and even at the extremely low prices which prevailed there was little or no demand for refined sugar.

The statement of R. H. Howells, son of C. H. Howells, the Molasses and National Refineries would close down next week was repeated during the afternoon with greater confidence. This is important, as neither of these refineries are in the strike.

It was said that the National Refinery at Yonkers had been working on half time lately, and the superintendent reported that money would be saved by shutting down. These two refineries employ about 200 men, and most of them will be thrown out of employment.

A special dispatch from Philadelphia this morning stated that the McCann refinery in that city was now only operating its plant at half time, and that its managers had announced their intention to shut down in a few days. The sugar trade in Philadelphia, it was said, was in a demoralized state.

The bears on the stock market used their reports of the sugar situation with great effect, but did not succeed in further depressing prices.

At the office of the American Sugar Refining Company a crowd of newspaper men were waiting for the president to come. Some of the officers of the Trust, Mr. Barlow and Theodore Haverly were there, but the president was unable to see any one or make any statement.

Senator Brice was found in his office in the Union Trust Building this afternoon, and said he was very busy arranging his affairs and that he would not be in Washington next week.

It is true that I have met them both recently, but the subject of the sugar schedule was not even mentioned. At the present time I do not care to express any opinion in the matter at all, for any action on the subject will be decided upon by the President.

After hearing what he has to say, I will be ready to talk. I do not think there will be any conference held to discuss the sugar schedule, but the question of tariff legislation will be discussed.

Senator Brice declined to say whether he thought there was any prospect that the Senate would pass the free sugar bill. "I don't know," he said, "but I am inclined to believe that the Senate will pass it."

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STRIKERS TESTIFY.

Cloakmakers' Grievances Presented to the Board of Arbitration.

Manufacturers Conspicuous by Their Absence.

Contractors Waging War on the Tailors' Brotherhood.

The State Board of Arbitration resumed its investigation of the cloakmakers' strike at 10 o'clock to-day in Room 217, Broadway Central Hotel. Chairman Purcell and Commissioners Feeney and Robertson were present, and Joseph Barondess and all the officers and executive members of the Cloakmakers' and Cutters' Union, together with a number of tailors, were on hand to give the strikers' side of the story.

None of the cloak manufacturers was present. Samuel Edelstein, a tailor, living at 272 East street, was the first witness. He was employed at the beginning of the season by Oppenheim & Collina, at Greene and Houston streets.

He testified that the workmen had been cheated out of their wages by a change in the number of the garments they were required to make, and when they complained to their employers they were shown the door.

Philip Botticelli, a tailor, who formerly worked for Silverman Bros., 94 Greene street, gave similar testimony, and added that in order to obtain work in this shop the foreman, Grossman, required the men to bring him wine, liquor and cigars.

Another witness, a tailor, who was formerly employed by Meyer Jonasson & Co., of 34 Broadway, gave very similar testimony, and added that the numbers were changed on the garments, so that in one instance where he was required to make two garments he made only \$3.50, when he expected to make \$7.

Barondess informed the Board that the workmen dared not complain of this alleged trickery under pain of discharge. Barondess interrupted the testimony of the witnesses who were unable to speak for their language.

D. Goldstein, a tailor, formerly employed by Heller, Dinkelspiel & Co., said that when a strike occurred the bosses would make a new agreement and break it in a week afterwards by changing the numbers on a garment.

Mr. Rubel, a presser, who had been in the employ of Meyer Jonasson & Co., said that the men were treated like dogs and that some of them when they told him that it was impossible to do the amount of work which had been ordered, he had been ordered to press twenty-eight in one day, and it was a physical impossibility for the pressers to do the work.

Joseph Barondess then made a long statement before the board, in which he caused that led to the present strike. He declared that 110 union men, whom Jonasson placed in the factory, were paid wages had been the means of breaking up the organization in the factory.

LOCKING OUT THE TAILORS.

Three Hundred Men Already Out in Fifty Shops.

Members of the Clothing Contractors' Association have begun to-day to lock out the United Brotherhood tailors. Three hundred cloakmakers are already out of fifty shops. It is thought by the beginning of next week a general lock out of all the Brotherhood tailors will be complete.

The contractors give as a reason for locking the men out that they cannot do the work under the weekly wage system, and that they are unable to pay the men more than the weekly wage. They also claim that the men are not working hard enough.

When asked what his opinion was in regard to the rumor that the Trust would pass its next quarterly dividends in the common stock, he replied that he did not think it would be done, as it was generally understood that the Trust had a large surplus.

Apparently No Men Have Been Laid Off in Williamsburg.

The refineries of the Sugar Trust in Williamsburg, Pa., as a general appearance go, are doing just as much business as ever. Trucks are backing up to the doors, and after being loaded are driven away. And the clouds of smoke from the chimneys are as big and black as ever.

Supt. Henderson was said to be out of town, and all inquiries were referred to the New York office.

On the other hand, longshoremen hanging about the South Fifth street dock, stated that if the 254 employees in the South Fifth street dock were not laid off, they would be working to-day.

This story could not be verified, however, and there is no reason to suppose it is to be true. It is probable that the men were laid off, but the longshoremen could be found within a distance of three blocks of the refinery.

Mr. Haverly, who is generally supposed to be the man who blew the whistle to the American labor, which the clover humbug understood the situation of affairs. In the four days from South Fifth street to the point, about 6,000 men are employed, and fully 50 per cent. are Jewish, Polish and Poles, who cannot speak our language, and who earn about \$8 a week for the hardest kind of work.

NEW HEAD FOR A RAILROAD.

Report that Brinson Will Succeed Carpenter, of the C. and E. I.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—It is said here that important changes in the management of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad will be made in a few days. According to an apparently good authority, Myron J. Carpenter, President of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois for the last two years, has tendered his resignation to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Carpenter's retirement from the company's service have not been divulged.

William G. Brinson, it is reported, will succeed Mr. Carpenter. Brinson is now President and General Manager of the Chicago and Northwestern, Chicago and Southern, Chicago and Illinois, Chicago and Milwaukee, Bay View and Chicago Railroads.

Verdict Against the Starin Company.

United States Circuit Judge Brown to-day gave a verdict in \$12,000, the sum paid for, and costs, in favor of Fernal C. Dinsley, Jr., who was the owner of the Starin Company, to recover damages from the Starin Company for the loss of a steam yacht named the Starin, which was sunk in July last in the Long Beach harbor.

Want Cheap Saloon Licenses.

A delegation of liquor dealers called on Mayor Bohlen this morning to protest against the proposed increase of license to double the present rate. The delegation said that an increase would drive many of the saloonkeepers out of business, and force others to take out licenses at a prohibitive cost.

Printing on Its Winter Coat.

CHICAGO, N. Y. Nov. 30.—The business of the city is very quiet to-day.

MILITIA WILL BACK DATES.

Course of Kolb Faction Threatens Alabama's Interests.

Populist Leader May Set Up a Separate State Government.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30.—James E. Jackson, of Birmingham, Ala., an extensive owner of coal mines in Walker county, who is stopting in this city for a few days, in an interview in regard to the affairs in his State growing out of the gubernatorial contest between Kolb and Oates, said:

"The situation in Alabama, growing out of Kolb's frustrated contest for the gubernatorial chair, is a very serious one and will materially affect all business interests of that State."

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 30.—The Mobile companies of the First Regiment will leave to-night for Montgomery, to participate in the inauguration of Gov. Oates on Saturday. No one in Mobile shares in the belief that Kolb will make any effort towards assuming the governorship of Alabama, and the soldier boys who will attend will do so out of compliment to retiring Gov. Jones and the incoming Gov. Oates, the one-armed Confederate soldier, whom they delight to honor.

There is an element in the Kolb following in several counties, which would be ready to follow blindly the dictates of the Populist faction, but even Kolb is aware that any demonstration he might make will result disastrously to his followers.

The insurance companies are already very much alarmed, and are talking about cancelling all outstanding policies in view of the prospect of a revolution that would overthrow the government, and the effect of duration of which no one can foresee.

It is believed out from most reliable authority that at a secret meeting recently held of leading Populists in the State, it was determined to advise all who supported Kolb in the last State election to refuse to pay taxes. One Oates, however, who is Kolb's follower, who is mostly farmers, will not have with delight any excuse to refrain from paying taxes, and the low price of cotton has almost bankrupted the farmers, and the State Treasury will decrease the receipts by changing the numbers on a garment.

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